

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**MASSACHUSETTS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

**PROJECT INITIATION FORM (PIF)**

**To:** Massachusetts Highway Department – District 4

**From:** Town of Concord

**Contact Information:** Chris Whelan, Town Manager/Marcia Rasmussen, Director

**Date:** May 9, 2008

**Project Reference No:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**PART I – LOCATION IDENTIFICATION AND PROJECT NEED RESTATEMENT**

**A. Municipality:** Concord

**B. Route and/or Street(s):** Bruce Freeman Rail Trail

**C. Bridge ID Number (if applicable):** Railroad Bridges No.'s 13.86, 14.81, 15.16

**D. Is this a state administered highway?** Yes  No

**E. Location description or estimated project limits by mile marker and station:**

**Route 2 at the Acton town line to the Sudbury town line, south of White Pond (3.5 miles).**

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**F. Provide a brief restatement of the project need:** See Attachment A

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**PART II – PROJECT TYPE AND DESCRIPTION**

**G.  Transportation System Preservation**

Examples include maintenance, resurfacing, and reconstruction of roadways, sidewalks and multiuse paths. Examples also include maintenance, rehabilitation and replacement of bridges.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> a. Roadways, Sidewalks, and Multiuse Paths | <input type="checkbox"/> b. Bridges     | <input type="checkbox"/> c. Other (Define below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance    |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Resurfacing                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Rehabilitation |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reconstruction                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement    |  |

**X Transportation System Improvement or Expansion**

Examples include construction of new facilities; widening of roadways, intersections, sidewalks, or multiuse paths; roadside modifications, and other system enhancements.

- X New Roadway, Sidewalk or Multiuse Path
- Widened Roadway, Sidewalk or Multiuse Path
- Intersection, Roundabout, Traffic Signal Improvements
- New Interchange or Interchange Reconfiguration
- Median, Roadside Safety, or Signage Improvements
- Traffic Calming, Streetscape, Lighting, or Transit Enhancements
- New or Widened Bridge
- New or Expanded TDM/Park & Ride Lot
- New or Expanded Traffic Management System (TMS)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Provide a brief description of the project:** See Attachment A.

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**Is this a footprint road or bridge project?**       Yes      X No

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**P. What is the level of community interest in the project?**

High                       Medium                       Low

**What is the current level of community support?**

High                       Medium                       Low

**Please identify the nature and extent of any known opposition to the project?:**

**There are some local concerns about the trail surface, environmental impacts, and safety, particularly at the intersection with the MBTA Fitchburg commuter line.**

**There have also been comments raised about noise pollution, law enforcement on the trail, and maintenance of the trail.**

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**Q. Environmental Coordination Activities**

Yes     No

**If Yes, please indicate board/agency coordinated with:**

**Wetlands/ Waterways**

- Local Conservation Commissions
- Local Water Districts
- MA DEP
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- US Coast Guard
- US EPA
- MA CZM Office
- Others (please list)

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**Endangered Species/Habitat**

- Local Conservation Commissions
- MA DEP
- MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
- US EPA
- Others (please list)

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**Hazardous Materials**

- Local Health Boards
- Local Fire Department
- MA DEP
- US EPA
- Others (please list)

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**Cultural Resources**

- Local Historic Commissions
- MA Historic Commission
- Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
- Others (please list)

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**Section 4f Resources**

- MA DCR
- Local Parks Department
- Local Planning Department
- Local Historic Commission
- MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
- EOEA Division of Conservation Services
- National Park or Forest Service
- Others (please list)

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**NEPA/MEPA**

- EOEA MEPA Office
- US EPA
- Lead Federal Agency (FHWA)
- Others (please list)

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**Anticipated MEPA Documentation Required**

- ENF
- EIR
- None

**Anticipated NEPA Documentation Required**

- CE
- EA
- EIS
- None



**PART V – PRELIMINARY PROJECT CATEGORY AND FUNDING PROGRAM**

**R. Anticipated Project Type (based on MassHighway specific categories):**

**New multiuse path with bridge rehabilitation and bridge construction.**

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**S. Anticipated Funding Program:**

- National Highway System (NHS)
- Surface Transportation Program (STP)
- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)
- Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program
- Interstate Maintenance
- Non-Federal Aid
- State Aid Roadways
- High Priority Project (HPP)
- Others/Non Transportation Improvement Program (please identify)

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**PART VI – PROPOSED PROJECT MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Please describe how you expect this project to proceed. Who will be responsible for Design? Permitting? Right-of-Way? Construction Management? Etc.

**T. Design (Also, Specify Lead Person/Department/Division)**

City/Town       MassHighway       Other \_\_\_\_\_

**James Shuris, P.E., Town Engineer, Concord Public Works (unless CMQ funds are available to provide for design by Mass Highway).**

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**U. Permitting (Also, Specify Lead Person/Department/Division)**

City/Town       MassHighway       Other \_\_\_\_\_

**James Shuris, P.E., Town Engineer, Concord Public Works**

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**V. Right-of-Way (Also, Specify Lead Person/Department/Division)**

City/Town       MassHighway       Other \_\_\_\_\_

**James Shuris, P.E., Town Engineer, Concord Public Works**

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**W. Construction (Also, Specify Lead Person/Department/Division)**

City/Town       MassHighway       Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**PART VII- PRC PROJECT REVIEW (To be completed by PRC Staff)**

Comments/observations on project need, type and description:

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Comments/observations on planning and public process:

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Comments on Project Category and Funding Program Applicability:

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Comments on Proposed Management Plan:

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| <b>Project Review</b>                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Favorable | <input type="checkbox"/> Unfavorable |
| <b>Assign PROJIS Number</b>                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes       | <input type="checkbox"/> No          |
| <b>Provide Design and Environmental Funding</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes       | <input type="checkbox"/> No          |
| <b>Recommend Programming Review by MPO</b>      | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes       | <input type="checkbox"/> No          |
| <b>PROJIS Number (if applicable):</b>           | _____                              |                                      |